



MAY 2004

NAVY COMMUNITY SERVICE

PROGRAM Sailors live by motto "Protecting our Country. Serving our Communities" (Excerpt from McNeely, Pigott, & Fox)

MILLINGTON, Tenn. Each year the U.S. Navy expands the definition of military service. In 2003, the Navy volunteered 8 million hours to community service projects, with approximately 40,000 active-duty Sailors and Reservists serving communities across America.

"The Navy's Community Service Program (NCSP) works hand in hand with other organizations to strengthen America's communities," said JOC(SW/AW) Sherri Onorati, program manager for NCSP which is administered by the Navy Personal Command's Fleet & Family Support Division in Millington, Tenn. "Our goal is to continue to support our president by promoting community service and

revitalizing volunteerism."

The Navy taps a pool of more than 2 million potential volunteers. Navy Commands form partnerships with area businesses, labor, foundations, colleges and universities, religious organizations, media, community groups, health care and governmental agencies and other military services. Through the Community Service Program, Navy volunteers make a difference by strengthening education, preserving the environment, providing humanitarian assistance and promoting anti-drug and health lifestyles.

Each year the Navy awards commands for exceptional community service work in each flagship program. In addition, the USS Bainbridge Award is given to one command for overall community service excellence. The 2003 recipient was Naval Air Station Pensacola....

Thrift Savings Plan Open Season to Begin (Excerpt from Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs)

Sailors have the opportunity to invest in their own futures by taking part in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP), which kicks off April 15 and runs until June 30. "This is a great time for Sailors to begin saving for the future, if they aren't already doing so," said Chief of Naval Personnel Vice Adm. Gerry Hoewing. "Paying yourself first is something everyone should act upon now, and TSP provides an excellent opportunity to accomplish this". TSP is a tax-deferred savings option and lowers the taxable income for participants in the 2004 tax year. Enrollment forms are available at local Fleet and Family Support Center, Personnel Support Detachments or online at the TSP Web site, www.tsp.gov

Fleet and Family Support Center

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Transition Assistance Program (TAP) provides Information and assistance to all retiring and separating members regarding pre-separation counseling, employment, relocation and veteran benefits. Military members and their spouses are encouraged to attend a TAP seminar as soon as possible prior to their scheduled separation or retirement date. See your Command Career Counselor to register.

2003 - 2004 TAP SCHEDULE

May	3 - 7
June	7 - 11 (Exec)
July	12 - 16 (Exec)
August	2 - 6
September	13 - 17 (Exec)
October	4 - 8 (Exec)
November	1 - 5
December	6 - 10 (Exec)

UPCOMING EVENT
ANNUAL JOB FAIR
20 JULY
NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY
CONFERENCE CENTER

**FLEET AND FAMILY
SUPPORT CENTER**
**Classes and workshops are free;
however, registration is necessary.
Call 874-5075 to register.**

MOTHERS' DAY IS SUNDAY MAY 09, 2004